

TO  
The Honourable, the House of Commons  
now assembled in Parliament,  
The humble Petition of the distressed and oppressed prisoners  
of the Prison of Kings Bench,

*Sheweth,*

**T**Hat the long and wrongfull Imprisonment, the great and grievous oppressions, under which your Petitioners have long groaned, the great pressures, and insufferable damages done unto them, by having their Estates, Lands, lively-hoods, and Liberties torne from them, by many Iudgements, Executions, Statutes, Recognizances, Extents, Sentences, Decrees and Attachments, most wrongtully and illegally obtayned against them, to the utter ruine of themselves, their distressed Wives, and Children; together with many other Calamities that attend the neglected Estates, and the dejected and deplorable conditions of your distressed Petitioners, are as so many powerfull Orators, that now cry for, and, with your oppressed Petitioners, doe most humbly and earnestly beg, That you would be pleased speedily to appoint a Committee, or Commissioners to heare, examine, and report the severall grievances and oppressions of your Petitioners: whose extream wants and miseries (in these times of distraction) are grown so grievous and insupportable, that your Petitioners, if not speedily relieved will be (through the calamity of their grievous oppression, attended with biting penury) enforced to acts of violence upon themselves; or otherwise to lay hold on the next remedy which is at hand, to free themselves from their Imprisonment, and severall oppressions, hitherto patiently groaned under.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray, for the Lords sake, to heare them; and in imitation of Your Makers mercy, to repaire and helpe them; and that their lives, welfare, and liberties may be precious in Your sight; That Your Petitioners may receive such speedy reliefe, reparations, and comfort in their severall distresses, as to Your pious and grave Wisedomes shall seeme meet.

And Your Petitioners shall be ever bound to pray &c.